



PCA Newsletter

The Plantations Community Association, Inc.



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Upcoming Events

Have an event we can include? email info@plantations1.org

- August 8 - 15:** Howard Co. Fair
- August 12 - 19:** Mo Co. Agricultural Fair
- August 29 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for MCPS!**
- September 9-11:** Damascus Community Fair
- September 11:** Damascus Freedom 5k
- September 16-24:** The Great Frederick Fair
- September 29:** *Annual HOA Election Meeting*
(vote at meeting or mailed proxy)* - 7 PM

*HOA members are encouraged to participate. We need new ideas to grow and thrive!

PCA Annual Meeting and Election

In early September, property owners will receive a mailing announcing that the PCA will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, September 29. The mailing will include a ballot and a proxy voting form. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please complete, sign, and return your proxy form and ballot by mail. During this meeting, we will conduct an election for three currently occupied seats on the PCA Board of Directors.

Current PCA Board

Officers:

President – Rod Ibacache
 VP – Michael McMillen
 Secretary – Debbie Diatz
 Treasurer – David Keim

Board Members:

Kathy Giles
 Mary Ellen Gillard – ACC Chair
 Shawn Howell
 Joseph Melvin
 Mike Giles



Fall Call for PCA Board Candidates

We need board members! Please consider joining us. It's a great way to contribute to our wonderful community and have a voice in matters affecting it. Our HOA is managed by a board of nine volunteer directors. They meet just one evening each month, on the second Monday, to discuss and plan community maintenance and improvements.

The HOA board attends to the maintenance of our parks, the common areas between the homes, and the general appearance of the community. We have committees that address grounds issues, architectural control issues, finance, and communications.

To add your name to the ballot or obtain more information, email info@plantations1.org.

Not available for the commitments of a board member? That's okay, we always need community members who want to get involved from time to time, but might not necessarily be able to commit to a seat on the board. Please email your info to info@plantations1.org if you'd like to join the PCA Volunteer Corps, and we will reach out to you when opportunities for community service arise, such as newsletter delivery or neighborhood clean-up events. This is a great way to meet neighbors and invest in our awesome community!

Community News & Resources

The PCA sends out occasional email notices, to keep you informed of upcoming meetings, announcements and occasional volunteer opportunities. We never share your email address. To be included, please send your email address to: info@plantations1.org

Facebook Users: There is a group for **Plantations I and II**. It is not affiliated with the PCA but is a nice way to communicate and keep up with the goings-on in the neighborhood.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108739809260974>

Ever wonder how our community pays for the common grounds maintenance or upgrades to the Club View Park, among many other things? That is what your annual HOA dues are used for. Accounts that are delinquent affect the entire community. In mid-December, each year, the PCA sends out invoices for the annual HOA assessment fee. Payment is due the next month, by January 31st. We still have several accounts that have not paid the 2022 assessment, and some that are significantly past due. These accounts risk being sent to collections and filed as property liens. If you have extenuating circumstances, the PCA is here to work with you. Please email info@plantations1.org to see what arrangements/resources are available. We want to help.



With school resuming soon and many of us going back to a more normal routine, please remember to slow down when driving through our community. If you have new or just younger drivers, please remind them too. The difference between a few mph won't save your commute but it might save a life.

Lost Pet Resources

- Damascus MD Lost & Found Pets: [facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](https://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)
- Montgomery County MD Lost Pets <https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>
- If your pet is lost, make sure to file a lost report with MCASAC by posting on phshelter.com

Dog Walking Safety and Courtesy

While walking your dog, please keep in mind the following, which are **required by County law**:

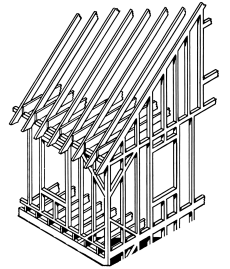
- Dogs must be leashed anytime they are off your property.
- Dog owners must avoid “unwanted contact” between their dogs and people and other dogs.
- Dog walkers may allow their dogs to “do their business” in the area between the street and sidewalk, or a PCA common area, but the walker must immediately pick up remains. Please always carry, use and properly discard your dog’s “business” bags.
- Dogs and cats 4+ months old require a current rabies vaccination and Co. license.

Planning an exterior home improvement?

Summer is a great time to undertake those upgrades to your exterior spaces. The PCA is here to help you ensure your project adheres to the recorded Covenants that govern our community, and bind every homeowner in P1. The approval process is simple and the form can be found on the website.

Completed forms, questions, concerns?

Email info@plantations1.org or join us for an HOA meeting.



If you live in the community townhomes please be mindful and refrain from using the visitor parking spaces for personal vehicles. These spaces are intended for use by all resident visitors and not for personal use.

THE FUN STUFF

Apple Cider Chicken

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken (about 2 lbs) or try it with pork chops
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 Vidalia onion, chopped
- 1+ Granny Smith apple(s), cored and sliced into 1/4-inch wedges
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves or try rosemary sprigs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider

Heat oil and 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper, add to pan and sear until golden, about 4 minutes each side. Remove chicken from pan, and set aside. Add remaining butter and onion, apple, garlic, thyme and bay leaves. Saute until apple begins to get color and onions soften, about 6 minutes. Add flour and stir 2 to 3 minutes. Nestle chicken back into pan, add cider, bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook until chicken is cooked through, about 12 minutes. Try served over egg noodles

*Recipe courtesy of [Food Network](#)



Supplies:

- 2 Milk Jugs
- 2 Sheets Orange Tissue Paper
- 1/4cup white glue
- Sharpie

Always ask an adult before starting a project! Adult supervision is recommended.

Steps

1. Cut top off Milk Jugs (or just light jug from behind)
2. Cut tissue paper in strips, then use a 50:50 mix of glue and water to paint or rub onto the jug before attaching tissue, wrapping over the cut end of the jug.
3. Draw the face on with a Sharpie (optional tip: draw the face on paper first and insert into jug to trace).
4. Light with a battery-powered light inside, or behind the jug when finished.

*Craft and photo courtesy of (and more info/tips can be found at): www.holidayppv.com

Dad Joke of the Day:

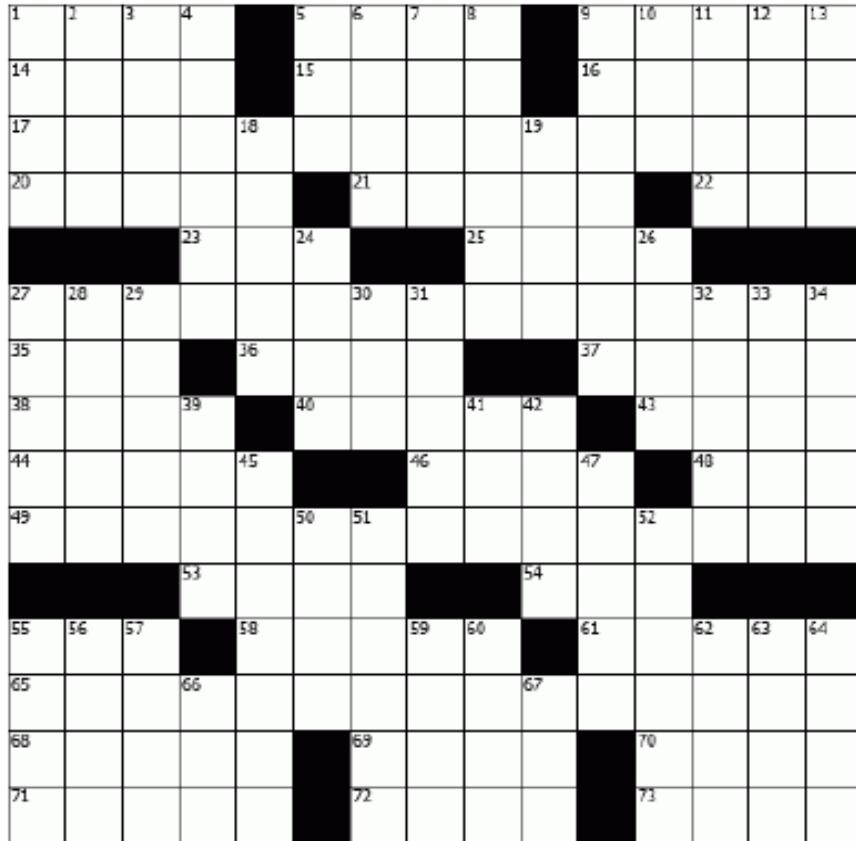
We ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon... we'll let you know!

THE FUN STUFF

Across

1. Some are legal
5. Sleep like ___
9. Puccini heroine
14. Where Buddhism arose
15. Cerebellum section
16. Garlicky mayonnaise
17. S
20. Usher from the porch to the parlor
21. Lure
22. Gym regular's pride
23. Org. Charlton Heston presided over
25. Rug's coverage
27. M
35. Cousin of "Eureka!"
36. "___ perpetua" (Idaho's motto)
37. Mortise connection
38. Charlie Brown's expletive
40. "I'm overwhelmed!"
43. Edit out
44. Met highlights
46. "Fifty-four Forty or Fight" st.

48. Clark's "Mogambo" costar
49. L
53. Hook's sidekick
54. Shakespeare's lang.
55. Sandy's alert
58. Gymnast Korbut and others
61. Where Ali kayoed Foreman
65. XL
68. Entertain
69. Kind of choice
70. Film locations
71. Stormed
72. Entertain
73. "___ Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit)



Down

1. Ratify
2. "___ sow, so shall..."
3. Thin coin
4. Texas border river
5. Every bit
6. Church balcony
7. It's two octaves above the bassoon
8. Language source of "kriegspiel"
9. Most tightly drawn
10. Driveway blotch
11. Living room piece
12. Kind of sandwich
13. Pomposity
18. Ham ___ (kind of sandwich)
19. Agile

24. Lhasa ___
26. Retired
27. High-minded
28. Midway's larger cousin
29. "___ I can help it!"
30. Numerical suffix
31. "It's ___ Never" (Presley hit)
32. ___ a time
33. Reach the answer
34. Golf's "Slamming Sammy"
39. Pre-coll. exams
41. Miners dig it
42. "___ Got Tonite" (Bob Seeger song of 1979)
45. Light-colored Russian sled dog
47. Big name in cutlery

50. Sing loudly
51. Try to get out of an obligation
52. Graf's husband
55. Distant
56. "Arrivederci ___"
57. Derivative of the twist
59. Swiss river
60. Mutton fat
62. Social note
63. Pre-pavement roadbed?
64. Exxon, formerly
66. "The Waste Land" poet's monogram
67. "Well, I'll be!"

Solution at <https://plantations1.org/>...



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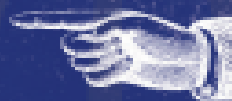
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